SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN (Kishanganj): I beg to move:

Page 1, lines 12 and 13-

for "While handling any hazardous substance *substitute* "in the course of hazardous substance being handed' (5)

page 1, line 15—

after "war" *insert* " or civil disturbance" (6)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you pressing your amendments?

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: In view of the clarification given by the hon. Minister, I seek leave of the House to withdraw my amendments

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his amendments.

SOME HON MEMBER: Yes

The amendments No. 5 and 6 were, by leave, withdrawn.

MR CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"Clause 2 stands part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clauses 3 to 5 were added to the Bill.

Clauses 6 and 8 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, Enacting Formula and the long Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted

17.42 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12th Report

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUARMANGALAM). Sir, I beg to present the 12th Report of the Business Advisory Committee

17.43 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

[*English*]

Video Casettes relating to assassination of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): I rise to take this statement in regard to video cassettes relating to the assassination of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

The special Investigating Team of the CBI which is investigating the case has so far seized 467 video cassettes one of which was found to be brand new and unused. The remaining 466 casettes have been viewed and are still being viewed by a team of investigating officers for identifying the frames that could be relevant to the case.

So far, the SIT has been able to seize only two video cassettes covering the public meeting at Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991 prior to the assassination. One video cassette was videographed by one Babu who had been engaged to do so by Shri A. J. Dass, the organiser of the public meeting at Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991. This cassette covers the function before the arrival of Shri Rajiv Gandhi at Sriperumbudur. It shows a music performance being rendered for the audience by Shanker Ganesh and party and thereafter, an announcement by Shri A. J. Das on the garlanding and presenting of shawls to Shri Rajiv Gandhi. The cassette then shows in a blurred manner a crowd willing around Shri Rajiv Gandhi and some shawls being put around him. The cassette then becomes totally blurred and thereafter shows Doordarshan coverage on the funeral, etc. that was subsequently recorded by the videographer.

All the connected persons including the videographer have been examined thoroughly and so far there is no evidence that the cassette was tampered. The SIT is also obtaining technical expert opinion from abroad on whether the cassette was tampered with any way.

The second cassette was videographed by one Pavun Raj who had been engaged by the Tamilnadu Congress Committee (I) for the same. This cassette covers the interview of Shri Rajiv Gandhi at Madras airport, the public meetings thereafter at Porur and Poonamallee and his arrival at the Sriperumbudur public meeting. At Sriperumbudur, the cassette covers the music programme of Shanker Ganesh and party and stops at this point. As regards this cassette also. all the connected persons, including the videographer have been thoroughly examined and so far there is no evidence to show that this cassette was tampered with. However, expert opinion on this cassette also is being obtained.

The SIT has stated categorically that both these cassettes are now Court property and have not been tampered with at all after they were seized by the SIT.

SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN (Gobichettipalayam): Sir, I want some clarifications.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are no clartifications now. The rules do not permit that.

SHRI A. ASOKARAJ (Perabalur): There are so any precedents.

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dum Dum): It is the discretion of the Chair to allow it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing any clarification. We have a lot of other business to do. Kindly sit down.

SHRI A. ASOKARAJ: But the thing is there are so many precedents.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can raise the issue by other methods, by giving suitable notice.

17.46 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET 1992-93- GENERAL DISCUSSION; RESOLUTION RE. RECONMMENDAHTIONS OF RAILWAY CONVENTION COMMITTEE; DEMANDS FOR GRANTS-RAILWAYS; AND DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS - (RAILWAYS) 1992-93

[*English*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is an announcement. Before the House takes up the next item on the Agenda, I have to inform the House hat at the meeting of Business Advisory Committee held today, it was decided that discussions on following items may be taken up together:-

(i) General discussion on the Budget (Railways) for - 1992-93;